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Brooke's Will

In the name of God Amen: I Robert Brooke of South Farnham parish, in the County of Essex, being in perfect heath and memory: praise be God

Whereas I am inlisted in the army, and knowing the uncertainty of Life (or of my ever returning again) do think proper to make this my last Will and Testament in form and manner as followeth

Item, I give and bequeath to my uncle Richard Brooke my negro fellow Will, and to his heirs

Item, I give and bequeath to my aunt Elisabeth Peterson my Negro fellow James and after her deceas amongst her surviving Children

Item, I give and bequeath to my aunt Hannah Allen my negro boy Jack, and after her decease to her daughter Rachel Allen

Item, I give to my grand mother Brooke, dureing her life, my negro woman Pegg, and after her death I desire the said Pegg may go to one of my Relations whom she chuses. ——

Item, my Land where Charles Breedlove now lives I desire may be sold and the money it sells for be devided between Sally Brooche and Clara Brock, daughters of Philip Brook.

Item, after my affairs settled and debts paid, I give unto my aunt Susanna Brooche, and Rhoda Brooke, all the money that is due to me of Isaac Kidds Estate and the rents of my Land and the hire of my negroes, to be equally devided between them ——

Turn over Brought over Item, all the remainder of my estate, I give and bequeath to my brother in law, Isaac Kidd; Lastly, I nominate and appoint my friend Andrew Allen my whole and sole Exec^r. To this my last Will and Testament hereby impowering him to act and do what is necessary towards fulfilling the same, Wh[illegible]ere of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Thi[illegible] day of March one thousand seven hundred aunt Susanna Brooke, and Rhoda Brooke, all the money that is due to me of Isaac Kidds Estate and the rents of my Land and the hire of my negros to be equally divided between them.

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William Baſs
John Baſs Jun.r
John Baſs

Robt. Brooke (Seal)

At a Court held for Essex County at Tappahanock on the 20th day of January 1777

57 The last Will and Testament of Robert Brooke was presented in Court and being proved by William Vass and John Vass two of the
and being also proved to be by the Executor therein named & [illegible]
witnesses thereto is admitted to record

Teste
John Lee Clk

In the name of God Amen I John Medley of the County of Essex in the parish of South farnham being sick in body but Sound memory thanks be to almighty God for it do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following ———

Item I give and bequeath to my loving Wife Mary Medley after paying my Just debts all my hole Estate Real and Personal to her and her heirs forever Item I do hearby appoint my loved friend